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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

FOR UNDERSECRETARY SISCO AND ATHERTON

1. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI HAS JUST PHONED AND ASKED IF WE CAN PROVIDE HIM WITH SOME GENERAL DETAILS ABOUT PENDING ISRAELI REQUEST FOR AID. HE SAID THAT HE UNDERSTANDS FROM PRESS REPORTS THAT IT IS ABOUT 2.5 OR 2.6 BILLION DOLLARS FOR NEXT YEAR AND THAT HE HAS ALSO BEEN LED TO BELIEVE THAT LANCE AND F-15 ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE REQUEST.

2. HE SAID HE DOES NOT WANT WIDE DETAIL BUT A FEW GENERALITIES WILL BE HELPFUL TO THEM IN UNDERSTANDING SITUATION. HE DID NOT SAY SO BUT HE KNOWS VERY WELL THAT WE HAVE PROVIDED ISRAELIS WITH INFORMATION ON PENDING JORDANIAN REQUEST FOR AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT, AND I SUSPECT THAT HIS REQUEST IS A LITTLE BIT OF "TURN ABOUT IS FAIR PLAY" ON THE PART OF THE GOJ.

3. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE IS FIGHTING A DEADLINE ON THE REQUEST AND WONDERS IF I CAN GET AN ANSWER BACK FOR HIM BY NOON LOCAL TIME (5.00 AM EST) TOMORROW, AUGUST 7.

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4. RECOGNIZE PROBLEMS THIS SORT OF AN APPROACH

RAISES AND MADE NO PROMISES TO RIFAL.
HOWEVER IF THERE IS SOME GENERAL DATA WHICH CAN BE
MADE AVAILABLE AND IS QUITE POSSIBLY ALREADY IN
THE HANDS OF CONGRESS AND THE PUBLIC I
BELIEVE IT WOULD SATISFYHIS NEEDS AND PROVIDE
AN ADDITIONAL ASSURANCE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING
TO BE EVEN ANDED IN OUR TREATMENT OF OUR
MIDDLE EASTERN FRIENDS.
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